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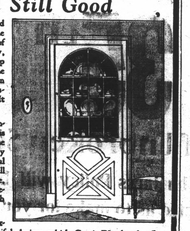

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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for January 31

JESUS FEEDS FIVE THOUSAND MEN

LESSON TEXT—John 6:1-14; 22-37.

GOLDEN TEXT—Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.—John 6:35.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Feeds Many Hungry People.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus is Helped by a Boy.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus Feeds a Hungry Crowd.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Why People Follow Jesus.

I. Jesus' Compassion for the Multitude (vv. 1-4. Cf. Matt. 14:4).

The sight of a crowd always excited the Lord's sympathy. He knew that they were as sheperdless sheep (Mark 6:34). They were going forth with no one to care for them. Besides, they were so ignorant that they had no appreciation of Him. Added to this was their physical hunger. This condition aroused the Savior's pity. This is true of the multitude today. Sin has so thoroughly blinded them that they are not conscious of their lost condition.

II. Jesus' Conference With the Disciples Teaching the People' Need (vv. 5-9).

This was not done for His benefit, for He knew what He would do (v. 6). His object may be summed up as follows:

1. To Teach Them Their Sense of Obligation to the Multitude.

We are workers together with God (II Cor. 6:1).

2. To Teach Them Their True Helplessness in the Face of Such Great Needs.

The loaves and fishes were as nothing in the presence of five thousand men, besides women and children. Well might Andrew exclaim, "What are these among so many?" We may plant and water, but the increase entirely comes from God.

3. To Teach Them That Their Sufficiency Is From the Lord.

Without Him we can do nothing (John 15:1-8). Christians can no more carry on the Lord's work of themselves than the branch can bear fruit without the vine. The branch supplies the life and strength for the production of fruit. Philip's arithmetic was of no use in the face of such need. Jesus has all power, nothing is too hard for Him.

III. The Lord's Method of Accomplishing His Work (vv. 10-13).

Observe here the orderliness of Christ's work. He paused to give thanks for the scant supply, teaching us that we should always bring our abilities and gifts to God that He might bless them to His use.

1. The Lord's Part Was to Bless and Break the Bread, Even to Create the Needed Supply.

The disciples could not perform this part. The same kind of bread was provided for all, rich and poor, young and old, women and children.

2. The Disciples' Part Was to Distribute That Which He Had Blessed and Consecrated.

This is true of the Christ worker today. Our part is to receive from the hands of the Lord that which He has blessed and consecrated, and distribute it among the starving multitudes. We are not responsible for the supply, but are responsible for its distribution to all those who are hungry and perishing for the Bread of Life.

3. The People's Part Was to Sit Down and Eat.

They had no part in the provision, neither in its distribution, but only to take from the hands of the disciples and eat that which the Lord had provided. This is exactly our situation. The people are responsible for the taking and eating of the Bread of Life; faith with obedience is their part. This is an illustration of the part obedience plays in our salvation.

IV. The Effect of This Miracle (v. 14).

The people recognized Him at once as the prophet who should come. They believed Him for His works' sake.

V. Jesus, the Bread of Life (vv. 22-37).

1. What Bread Is to the Body, Christ Is to the Soul.

Bread is a staple food. It is necessary for the body. One never tires of it. Even so is it with Christ.

2. How to Obtain This Bread.

It is by coming to Christ and believing on Him.

3. The Blessed Issue of Taking This Bread.

The one who eats this bread shall never hunger, nor thirst. Hunger and thirst return after partaking of natural bread and water—but not so with those who have partaken of Christ.

Ardent Prayer

As well might we expect vegetation to spring from the earth without the sunshine and the dew, as the Christian to unfold his grace and advance in his course without patient, persevering, ardent prayer.—J. Abbott.

Sin's Ending

There is more bitterness in sin's ending than there ever was sweetness in its acting. If you sow nothing but good in its commission, you will suffer only woe in its execution.

Japanese Hospitality

In Japan it is a custom to set food before guests at whatever time of day they call.

FOREST VIEW

We have had a rough January with a deep drifted snow, and old white goose is shedding again this morning. The roads are so rough to travel over already. We hope this will not be deep.

There is some sickness about. Miss Eula Cheatham has been sick but is out again we are glad to say.

Mrs. Elsie Moses is now sick, having the erysipelas, she is under doctor's treatment.

We are glad Mrs. N. D Marshall, Miss Bessie Martin and Mr. R. W. Martin are feeling better after being very much indisposed on account of colds.

The farmers around here have been working on their tobacco and marketing same. All are well satisfied with Co-op prices.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. May to our neighborhood. This couple were married about Xmas, and we wish them a long and happy union. Mrs. May was Miss Elsie Pankey before marriage, and Mr. May I am told is a good tobacco raiser. They reside near Mr. W. L. Ford's.

The family of W. L. Ford has moved to your town until the close of school.

Misses Bernice Ford and Louise Jones visited Mrs. Erna Woolridge last week. Louise did not return to Richmond after Xmas. She liked the country better than town and so remained. If all the boys were of her opinion, the agricultural interest would be better off today. Miss Bernice Ford did not return to Lynchburg.

Mrs. Clarence Agee and Mrs. J. L. Harvey, of Appomattox, spent last Thursday night in the home of their brother, W. L. Cheatham, and on Friday spent the day with their aunt Mrs. R. W. Martin and visited their sister Mrs. Elsie Moses, who is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Marshall visited in the home of R. W. Martin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin spent last Sunday in the home of A. S. Woolridge.

VERA

Zero weather continues; or if it isn't zero, its so near it there is no fun in it.

A great deal of sickness prevails in this section—mostly flu, Mr. Joseph Garrett has been quite sick the past week, but was "holding his own" at last report.

Mr. Sam Megginson's wife and family have all been very much indisposed but all better at this time.

Miss Daisey Bell has also been quite sick, she is also better.

Kennon the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kinney has entirely recovered from a spell of near pheumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Hatcher carried their little daughter, Margaret, to Lynchburg last week and had her tonsils and adenoids removed. She is getting along nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher accompanied them to Lynchburg.

David Garrett, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Garrett is ill with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Garrett, of Richmond visited their sick relatives here last week.

The hunting season will soon close now; and we have not heard of a single wild turkey having been killed in this section; and very few birds; rabbits seem to have been plentiful.

About all the tobacco in this section has been marketed;—some have been very well pleased with prices, others disgruntled; but one can expect nothing else so long as satan is ruler of this evil world—Where the Lord's kingdom is fully established and "all our paths are paths of peace" and the Golden Rule is observed by everyone then, and not till then will everybody be happy.

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PAMPLIN

Mrs. R. C. Harvey and Mrs. J. W. Canada attended the shower given to Mrs. Berkley Adams, of Phenix. This shower was given at the Methodist parsonage by the following young ladies: Misses Elizabeth Payne, Mary Daniel, Frances Elliott and Mattie Tucker. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. Delightful refreshments were served and the guests reported a most delightful evening.

Mrs. Buck Trent of Appomattox was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Laura Beale.

Mrs. E. G. Harvey who has been critically ill is improving rapidly, we are glad to report.

Mrs. Mattie Mann and Mrs. S L. Ferguson of Appomattox, were guests in the Harvey home owing to the extreme illness of Mrs. Harvey.

Mrs. Nannie Davis and Mrs. Alfred Wood who have been extremely ill are recovering.

Mrs. Zadia Davis Carr, of Durham is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Rob Davis.

Jack Brightwell, a student of Hampden-Sidney College spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brightwell.

Those of our town who expect to go to Florida on the excursion Thursday are Mr. and Mrs. Loving, Mrs Jackson, Mrs. F. H. Lukin, Misses Wilsie Thornton and Mary Beale.

Miss Edna Davis a patient at Catawba Sanitorium is getting on well.

Miss Rebeccah Brandon Prin. of Oakville graded school was the week end guest of her sister, Miss Pattie Brandon.

Radios have been installed in the homes of Mrs. Rosa Frankin, W. B. Rice, N. C. Crute, N. E. Farrar, and Harry Williams.

Mr. Richard Davis is on the sick list.

Mrs. Julia Toms, of Roanoke, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Peterson on last Wednesday, an interesting program was rendered and offering taken for the Lillian Stephens Fund.

Rev. H. M. Wilson preached Sunday morning to a large and appreciative audience. Subject: "Union Theological Seminary."

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Loving entertained the Bankers Association on Tuesday evening. This was a most enjoyable occasion. An ice course was served.

Mrs. Lucy Bateman of Lynchburg was the recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Davis.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. A. J. Neal and little son, Billy, spent the week end in Lynchburg, as the guest of C. A. and Rixy Southall.

Mrs. E. E. McClenny has returned from Blacksburg, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs Brown.

Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald spent Tuesday in Moran visiting friends.

Mrs. L. M. Southall spent Tuesday in Farmville shopping.

One on the Minister

A clergyman was telling his congregation of the effects of intemperance, and said: "I hope the time soon will come when all liquor will be poured into the river. Now let us sing hymn No. 94."

Some members of the congregation smiled when they opened the hymn books and read the title "Shall We Gather at the River?—Sunset.

Chance to Say Something

Two husbands were talking over the trial of married life. They had about exhausted the subject when one inquired: "And when do you do while your wife is dressing?" The second husband thought for some time. "Oh," he replied at last, "I try to think of something original to say!"

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